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Apple Tree Team Resupply Missions

1. Forwarded under separate cover are []'s reports of the aborted resupply attempt to Apple Tree 5-6 September attachment 1; the successful resupply drop 6-7 September attachment 2; and items dropped to Apple attachment 3.
2. In attachment 1 covert crew reported no reception at D.Z.. This, however, seems unlikely as W/T contact with Apple Tree was made on afternoon of 5 September in which Apple stated "We are awaiting drop 5-8 September". Secondly, on the morning of 6 September W/T contact with Apple was again effected and Apple reported that "Plane crossed last night. He crossed far away as we are told. For this reason we did not light the fires. Forgive us. We beg of you, notify us today, should we wait 6-8 September or not?" Because of the above message from Apple it would appear correct to say that the covert crew flew over the wrong area on the night of 5 September.
3. To refresh the memory of all concerned, the second attempt at resupply was carried out as per team briefing. Apple had been briefed to await drop on 4 successive nights. If no drop was effected on the first attempt, the team was to stand by the D.Z. on each of the scheduled nights. Base too, would attempt to fly each night during the drop period in the event that failure to resupply was due to the inability of the reception committee to gather on any particular night.
4. The covert crew reported that on the September 6 flight the wind "T" was well lighted and a blue-green flare was visible to the right of the "T". Apple Tree was supplied with these flares in July and instructed to use them as an additional recognition signal.
5. As this station had implied, a possibility existed that Apple may have been under control, due to their failure to answer the case officer's danger signal. We now feel that failure to answer properly may have resulted from Apple's desire to receive certain items on this resupply attempt.

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6. Since the resupply drop there have been no successful W/T contacts with Apple Tree. Apple failed to come up on scheduled contact for 9 September. The second scheduled contact since the resupply was set for 12 September, Apple Tree was heard loud and clear by base on the second frequency, but Apple Tree was unable to hear base. Contact with the team was broken off by base due to strong interference.

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Attachments: Separate cover, as stated

- a. Supply Drop 5-6 September
- b. Supply Drop 6-7 September
- c. List of Items Dropped

Distribution:

Wash:	3
Chrono:	1
Regist:	1
BGFriend:	2

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